



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 28, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.28 inches of rain up to 2.06 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 50s.

**County Comments**

Peanut and cotton harvest was still in progress. Cotton and peanut quality varied throughout the county. Most areas of the county experienced rain showers.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Crop harvest progressing. Very few soybeans harvested, as most fields still have some green in the soybean stalks. Farmers reported a good harvest of sweet potatoes, and some were cutting a few fall collards and other greens.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

Fall crops looked good where there was irrigation. Stands without irrigation were struggling. Fall tomatoes were about finished. Strawberries look great this year.

**Zack Snipes, Beaufort County**

Cool weather and light rain.

**Danny Howard, Greenville County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/28/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	90	82	99	95
Cotton - Harvested .....	34	24	52	36
Oats - Planted .....	26	12	29	20
Peanuts - Dug .....	65	53	89	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	51	36	69	64
Rye - Planted .....	29	13	19	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	55	50	77	68
Soybeans - Harvested .....	11	9	13	16
Winter wheat - Planted ...	10	7	22	23

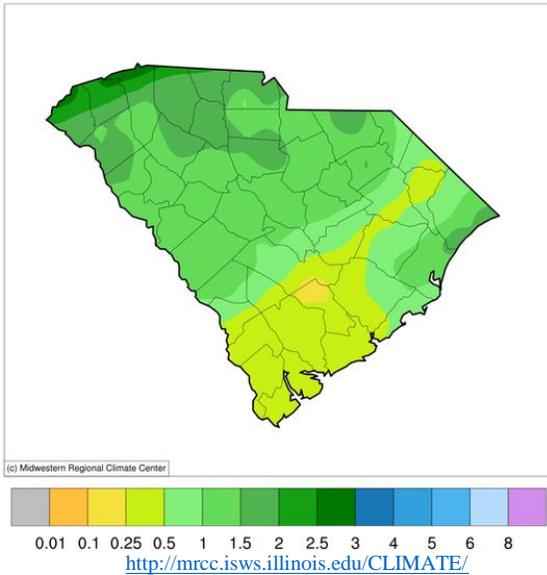
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/28/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	25	74	0
Cotton .....	1	2	47	34	16
Pasture and range .....	0	1	51	47	1
Peanuts .....	1	1	25	45	28
Soybeans .....	1	13	50	32	4

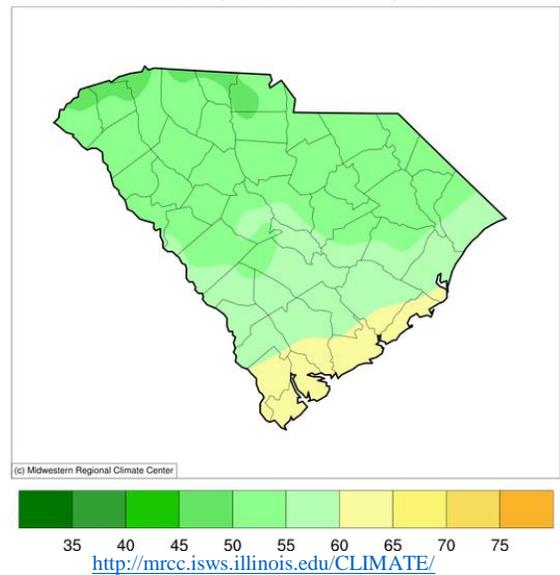
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/28/18**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	0	NA
Short .....	1	7	NA
Adequate .....	95	90	NA
Surplus .....	4	3	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	0	NA
Short .....	5	7	NA
Adequate .....	94	90	NA
Surplus .....	1	3	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 22, 2018 to October 28, 2018



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 22, 2018 to October 28, 2018



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2018.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**October 23, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	81.29	18.71	2.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-16-2018</i>	81.29	18.71	2.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-24-2018</i>	83.27	16.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2018</i>	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-24-2017</i>	67.28	32.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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